

# Denman Local Trust Committee Report

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Not that I am counting, but there are only five more Denman Local Trust Committee (DLTC) meetings planned for this term.

The May 7th meeting was held in the, almost completed, Senior's Lounge. I counted seven members of the Denman Community, along with Trustee Laura Busheikin, Chair Peter Luckham, Island Planner Rob Milne, Note Taker Vicky Bochman and myself.

We were also happy to receive Delegate Erica Bland who shared with us her plan to create a "Foodshed Map" for Denman Island as part of her Master's research in the School Of Environmental Studies. Her map could supplement our Denman Farm Plan. Speaking of the Farm Plan, I wanted to confirm, to whomever posted their comment that the DLTC had abandoned the Farm Plan, that this just is not so. The work on the Farm Plan will continue once we have dealt with our top three work plan priorities: Housing, Provincial Riparian Regulations and a review of Shellfish Farming.

Letters, sent to the committee, expressing concern for expansion of aquaculture activities, including Geoduck farming, convinced the DLTC to ask Fisheries Management Branch to refer requests for changes to management plans from existing license holders, to the DLTC. We would then consult community members, including up land owners, and based on this consultation and a review of environmental impacts, we would ask to be integral to any decision process.

Trustees reviewed and gave first readings to draft bylaws which would make the use of Cottages on Rural Designated lands, regulated with Temporary Use Permits (TUP), an option, and for Suites on those lands an option, without a TUP. The Community Information Meeting and Public Hearing for these Bylaws will be held the early evening of June 10th. Please review the proposed bylaws #210 and #211 on the Denman Web Page and plan on attending the meeting to ask questions, hear answers and finally let the DLTC know whether you agree with what is being proposed or not. Please contact Laura or myself if you have any comments or questions you wish dealt with prior to this meeting.

Finally the DLTC asked Island Planner Milne to draft amendments to existing Development Permit Area No. 4: Streams, Lakes and Wetlands, and include the Provincial Riparian Areas Regulations, for consideration at some future meeting of the DLTC.

The next meeting is Tuesday June 10th at 10:30 in the Senior's Lounge. Agenda items are posted on the Islands Trust Denman web page and locally at the Denman Store, Senior's Activity Centre and Old School Bulletin boards.